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SUBJECT: TURKEY AT THE ISLAMIC SUMMIT

FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OCCURRED AT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS  
BRIEFING JULY.17.

Q. NESSEN AT THE WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING THIS MORNING SAID  
HE THOUGHT -- I EMPHASIZE THE WORD "THOUGHT" -- THAT SECRE-  
TARY KISSINGER AT A MEETING WITH CONGRESSMEN POINTED TO THE  
ACTION BY TURKEY, IN THE ISLAMIC GROUP OF FORTY, TO OUST  
ISRAEL FROM THE UN, AS AN INDICATION THAT -- AS AN EXAMPLE  
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OF THE FACT THAT THE WITHHOLDING OF ARMS FROM TURKEY WOULD  
AFFECT THE TRADITIONALLY CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE UNITED  
STATES AND TURKEY. CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT THAT IS WHAT THE  
SECRETARY IN FACT SAID? NESSEN SAID HE THOUGHT THAT THAT IS

WHAT KISSINGER SAID.

A. I CANNOT CONFIRM THAT, BECAUSE I DID NOT RAISE THAT SUBJECT WITH HIM. BUT ON THIS QUESTION, I AM NOT SURE THAT THE REPORT THAT CAME OUT ON THIS IS ENTIRELY ACCURATE. NATURALLY IT IS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY TO EXPLAIN ITS POLICIES TOWARDS THIRD COUNTRIES. BUT IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT TURKEY DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THOSE MEETINGS IN JIDDA AT WHICH THE RESOLUTION RELATING TO ISRAEL WAS DRAFTED AND

ADOPTED, AND THAT TURKEY DOES NOT FEEL BOUND BY THE RESOLUTION; AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY HAS MADE THIS KNOWN TO THOSE CONCERNED. THAT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING.

Q. WHAT ABOUT IRAN?

A. WHAT?

Q. DOES THE SAME HOLD FOR IRAN?

A. I DO NOT KNOW ABOUT IRAN.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING BASED ON, BOB? DID THE TURKS TELL YOU THIS?

A. YES. WE HAVE BEEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT ON IT, ENDRE.

Q. WHEN YOU SAY TURKEY DID NOT PARTICIPATE, YOU MEAN THE GOVERNMENT DIDN'T PARTICIPATE? WAS IT AN OBSERVER? THERE WAS SOME TURKISH ELEMENT THERE.

A. YES. BUT WHAT I SAID WAS, I BELIEVE, THAT THE TURKISH DELEGATION, IF YOU WILL, DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THOSE MEETINGS AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WITH REGARD TO ISRAEL WAS DRAFTED AND ADOPTED.

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Q. BUT TURKEY WAS THERE.

Q. THEY DID NOT VOTE FOR IT, IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING?

Q. TURKEY DID NOT VOTE FOR IT. IS THAT YOUR STATEMENT?

A. AS FAR AS I KNOW, THAT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING.

Q. THE REPORTS ARE ALL TO THE CONTRARY.

A. IT IS A VERY COMPLICATED QUESTION, FRANKLY.

Q. WELL, IT SHOULDN'T BE THAT COMPLICATED TO FIND OUT  
WHETHER TURKEY VOTED OR NOT.

A. YOU MIGHT WANT TO ASK THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. KISSINGER

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